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MEMORANDUM FOR: Addressees

SUBJECT:

Restrictions on Exports to U.S.S.R.

By memorandum of January 8, 1980, the President has directed me to review and revise our policy with respect to export of high technology and other strategic items to the Soviet Union. He has also directed me to determine whether any transaction now under general license requirements should be subject to validated license requirements. Pending these reviews, the President has directed that action on all pending validated license applications be suspended, and, by subsequent memorandum, he directed that all shipments under outstanding validated licenses be suspended.

The President has further requested that this review be conducted with "utmost urgency." I would like this review to be completed within four weeks or less.

Accordingly, we must expeditiously initiate this process with a working group consisting of the participants listed below. Within this group we shall look particularly to the Department of Defense with respect to the national security issues and to the Department of State with respect to foreign policy issues. The first meeting will be tomorrow, Friday, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 5851 at the Department of Commerce. I shall chair the first meeting, and I encourage as high level representation as you feel appropriate.

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Addressees:

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